

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the present application, claims 43-60 having been withdrawn in response to the restriction requirement mail dated September 13, 2007. Claims 4, 33 and 39-41 have been amended to correct minor grammatical informalities. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note with appreciation the conference call with Examiner Vezeris on September 24, 2007. Pursuant to the discussion, the Examiner confirmed that Invention I identified in the restriction requirement includes claims 1-31 and claims 32-42.

Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute Invention I, claims 1-42. Claims 43-60 are withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 1-42 are indicated as patentably distinct from withdrawn claims 43-60. Applicants reserve the right to file the withdrawn claims in a continuing application.

Applicants respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no fee is presently due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Nixon Peabody LLP, Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247171-000381USPT.

Respectfully submitted,

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